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Fourth Sunday of ADVENT



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NOTRE DAME CATHOLIC CHURCH'S MISSION IS TO WORK TO BUILD UP THE KINGDOM OF GOD, TO GROW IN FAITH IN OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, AND TO HELP OTHERS GROW IN FAITH THROUGH OUR THOUGHTS, WORDS AND ACTIONS.

MASS SCHEDULE & HOURS

Daily Mass

Tue., Thur.—Sat. 8:30 am
Wednesday 6 pm

Weekend Mass

Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am
11:00 am
1:30 pm in Spanish

Confession

Sat.: 4:15 pm - 4:45 pm
Sun.: 7:15-7:45 and 10:15-10:45
Or by appointment

Adoration / Exposition

Thur.: 7:00—8:00 pm
First Friday: 9:00 - 10:00 am

Office Hours

Mon.-Thurs.: 9:00 am - 3:30 pm
Friday: 9:00 am - noon

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Recommended to be celebrated at Sunday Mass. At least one parent must be a registered parishioner and Baptismal classes for parents are required. Contact the Pastor at least three (3) months before the desired date.

Anointing & Holy Communion for the Sick: Call the office to inform us of anyone who is hospitalized, in a nursing home, or unable to attend regularly scheduled Mass.

Marriage: Please do not set a date until you contact the Pastor at least six (6) months before desired wedding date to schedule marriage prep.



WELCOME

If you have newly moved to our parish, please fill out a registration form located in the alcove just before you enter the church. Forms can be placed in the collection basket or bring it by the parish office during business hours.

OCIA "CANDIDACY CLASSES" FOR ADULTS: The winter session begins on Tuesday, January 6, 2024. Baptized Christians who practice their faith will learn about being a Catholic Christian with the celebration of Confirmation and First Eucharist on April 4. Our team of five catechists facilitate the program, and interested persons volunteer to be sponsors to share the faith journey with the candidates. We would love to share our faith with you. Please call Judy Collins 630-0688 or email her collinsj02@gmail.com for further information.

FORMED: This online platform is FREE for parishioners. To gain access to all of FORMED's content. Go to <https://signup.formed.org/> Enter our parish's zip code, your name and your email. An email will be sent to you.

FOOD BANK: The commodity item for Dec. is Vegetable Oil. Our barrel is on the left of the alcove as you enter the church. Thank you for your generosity.

MISSING ITEMS: Please check for any items you have missing such as jackets and coats on the rack in the alcove. These items will be donated to a local thrift store so we can clean the area for the Christmas season.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Mark Sweet, *Chairman*

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PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Sharon Folk Chairperson

Members: Don Myers, Ray Jones, Mike Hollowell, Donna Hughes

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. Dec 20 5:00pm † Jim Williams
Sun. Dec 21 8:00am † Pam Conley
11:00am SI Parishioners of Notre Dame
1:30pm † Eliseo Montes Canales
Tue. Dec 23 8:30am SI Mike & Louanne Lucius
Wed. Dec 24 5:00pm SI Parishioners of Notre Dame
9:00pm SI Parishioners of Notre Dame
Thu. Dec 25 9:00am SI Parishioners of Notre Dame
11:30am SI Miembros de Notre Dame
Fri. Dec 26 8:30am SI Jerry & Judy Collins
Sat. Dec 27 8:30 am Fr. Joseph's Intentions
5:00pm † Jim Williams

DAILY MASS READINGS

Sun. Dec 21: Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24
Mon. Dec 22: 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56
Tue. Dec 23: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66
Wed. Dec 24: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79
Thur. Dec 25: Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18
Fri. Dec 26: Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59
Sat. Dec 27: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

MASS MINISTRIES: Sign up sheets are available in the narthex for **Holy Days:** Christmas Vigil on Dec. 24 and Christmas Day on Dec. 25 & Mary, Mother of God on Jan. 1. Please sign up to serve.

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Wed., Dec. 24

Christmas Play at 4:30 pm

Christmas Vigil Mass at 5 pm and 9 pm

Thurs., Dec. 25

Christmas Mass at 9 am and 11:30 am in Spanish

Thurs., Jan. 1

Mary, Mother of God Mass at 8:30 am and 7 pm

OFFICE CLOSURE: The parish office will be closed on Wed., Dec. 24, Thur., Dec. 25 and Fri., Dec. 26 for Christmas and on Wed., Dec. 31 and Thur., Jan. 1 for New Years day.

STEWARDSHIP

November ON LINE	\$4,213.00
December 7 Collection	\$6,487.00
Building Fund Collection	\$2,143.00

IN OUR PRAYERS

Lauren Casale, Kate Fabio, Michael Godleski, Cynthia Straub, Gary & Mary Laun, Elaine Engle, Nancy Dessez, Mike Lucius, Harry Ziegler, Michael Dolezar, Christopher McBride, Bob Sachno, Samatha Starnes, Rosana Beyer, Brian Roberts, Rich & Barbara Jones, Patterson Family, Kacey Nicholas Payson, Robert Jenkins, Michael Walter, Sandramary Evans, Robert Jones, Ray & Terry Costello, Noah Britton, Michelle Williams Hughes, Yaeira Acevedo, Joel Rivera, Linda LaSorsa, Elizabeth Girton, Sue Pearson, Jerry Collins, Jennifer Kusnierczyk, Myron & Elsie Smith, Julie Hocutt, Raymond Costello, Christina Russo, Matt Mazur Jr, Yvonne Killewald, Carol Flynn, Marlene Wilds, Mikey Kapalin, Bob & Clara Russo, Maggie May, Ernest & Geraldine Hampton, Roger Brault, Nathan Presnell, Ted McBride, Sharon Thompson, Annette Noble, Andrea Bernabey, John & Joyce Nickett, Linda & Edwards Reynolds, Bill & Bernadette Moughamer, Ralph Williams, Rick Longworth, Mary Noe, Arlene Antonelli

HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST OR NEED A PASTORAL VISIT?

Contact the office for your name to be added to our prayer requests or request a pastoral visit by Fr. Joseph. Names are published for six (6) weeks unless otherwise notified. Thank You!

Call the office to update this list.

THE PASTOR'S DESK

December 21, 2025 **4th Sunday of Advent**

"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home." MATTHEW 1:24

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. Joseph was a model of these pillars of our faith. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

Dear Parish Family,

I am very glad to wish you all my prayerful greetings as we are at the threshold of the great solemnity of Christmas. The story of the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ is a reminder to us that God came to live among us, to be close to us, and to save us from our slavery to sin. Jesus gave himself to us as a gift. It is a story that still rings true today. Jesus is Emmanuel, God with us. He is close to us because he lives in our hearts where he continues to be a gift to us. Because of His presence in each one of us, we are also present and connected to one another.

As we celebrate the Nativity of the Lord, we remain eternally grateful to God for all the blessings, especially for the gifts of life, family, faith community, friends and neighbors. I take this opportunity to thank you most sincerely as you have been such a blessing to our parish by being actively supporting Notre Dame parish church with your gifts of time, talents and timely financial support. My special gratitude to all the volunteers in our different ministries who do such a great job in serving the various needs of our parish with much enthusiasm and commitment.

I hope and pray that you all have a wonderful and blessed time during this Christmas Season. Together with Deacon Wil, and our staff members, I wish you all a Blessed, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I pray for all the families of our Parish, *your loved ones during this sacred time.* May Almighty God bless you and keep you all in good health of mind, body and spirit in the coming year!

With much love and prayers,

Fr. Joseph Kuzhupil, MSFS

PARISH INFORMATION

THE WORD AMONG US: Are you interested in an annual subscription to this publication for only \$20 a year? Notre Dame is participating in the bulk rate program and anyone interested may submit payment as soon as possible to be included in the 2026 subscription. English and Spanish editions available. If you are subscribing, the Advent edition is now located in the cabinet. Call 423-470-2560 for info.



ADORATION CHAPEL: Our beautiful Adoration Chapel is available to spend some time with our Lord. Are you interested? Call the office for the entry code and spend some time in prayer.

DIOCESAN INFORMATION

ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA: All are invited to a dinner and talk on St. Josephine Bakhita and the Gift of Understanding at St. Mary Church in Johnson City on Saturday, Jan. 10. 6:15-7 p.m.: Dinner and Socialization, 7-7:15 p.m.: Talk, 7:15 -7:45 p.m.: Dessert and Discussion. RSVP on event at www.dioknox.org

PICTURES OF LOVE: This marriage preparation program will be Jan. 24 at St. Stephens in Chattanooga. It is a supplement to the couple's marriage formation with their parish priest or deacon. The *Picture of Love* marriage preparation program for engaged couples explores the joys and challenges of living out the sacrament of matrimony with special focus on the importance of inviting Jesus to be the center of marriage and family life. The program will help the couple gain insights into their relationship, as well as give them practical ideas and tools to help smooth their journey and become the "Picture of Love" to one another. Cost is \$175 per couple. More info on events at www.dioknox.org

MEN'S DISCERNMENT GROUP: Repeats every fourth Saturday on the month until May 20, 2026. Next meeting is Sat., Jan. 24 from 9 am until noon. The Men's Discernment Group is for men who are interested in discerning if God is calling them to the priesthood. The Discernment Group will be hosted by Father Mark Schuster every fourth Saturday of the month at 9 a.m. in JP11 conference room at the Chancery. If you are interested in joining the Men's Discernment Group please fill out the below form or email vocations@dioknox.org. There will be a Zoom option for those not in the Knoxville area. Interest form: <https://forms.office.com/r/CmSwudiVnf>

RESULTS ARE IN!

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This past Lent, you opened your hearts through the Disciple Maker Index, reflecting on your faith, parish community, and spiritual growth. Thank you! These results paint a picture of who we are as a faith community and illuminate a path forward.

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**Courtney Fannon
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2022 "Senior/Caregiver Resource EXPO"
 Date: Thursday, November 10, 2022
 Time: 10:00am - 2:00pm (Free Lunch is provided)
 Veteran Tribute: 12:00pm
 Place: First Baptist Church, Christian Activity Center
 211 North Main Street, Greenville, TN 37745
 Please use entrance at the rear of the building.
 Enter near the flagpole.


 The Greenville/Greene County Senior Resource Network

The "Senior/Caregiver Resource EXPO" is for anyone interested in learning about community resources available to help assist throughout life's journey.
 For more information call Renee Lowery at (423) 638-2226


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